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Retired Deputy Sentenced for Discharging Firearm After a Prank

A retired deputy accused of negligently discharging his gun after a group of children repeatedly rang his doorbell pleaded no contest and was sentenced today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Gootman said Sung Jin Pak, 46, pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count of negligent discharge of firearm.

The defendant was immediately sentenced to three years of summary probation. Additionally, Pak was ordered to not possess any firearms, attend Alcoholics Anonymous classes once a week for six months and perform five days of community service.

The prosecutor said on Oct. 12, 2013, Pak allegedly chased after a group of children who played a prank known as "ding-dong-ditch" at his home. Pak then fired his gun into the air, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.